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## Sorticulture returns to downtown Everett June 9-11

EVERETT, Wash. – The City of Everett's annual Sorticulture Garden Arts Festival returns to downtown Everett June 9 - 11. The festival opens daily at 10 a.m. and closes Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m.

"Sorticulture is one of our most unique and beloved city events," said Everett Mayor Cassie Franklin. "This event brings together great local artists, nurseries and vendors and draws countless people to our downtown to enjoy the festival and check out our city's many restaurants, bars and shops."

This year's festival will feature 120 local artists, plant nurseries and vendors selling handcrafted art, plants, flowers and locally made outdoor products. Guests can also enjoy live music, snack vendors and a beer and wine garden. Plant and gardening experts like Ciscoe Morris and others will host workshops on the Sunnyside Garden stage to answer gardeners' toughest questions.

Sorticulture moved to the new downtown location in 2021 to follow COVID-19 safety guidelines. Due to overwhelming positive feedback from vendors, visitors and the community about parking, accessibility and proximity to amenities, the event will return to Colby Avenue between Everett and Pacific and Hewitt Avenue between Hoyt and Wetmore.

"We are thrilled with the enthusiastic response to our new downtown location," said Tyler Chism, the City's placemaking manager. "The central location proves to be highly accessible, resulting in record-breaking sales for artists and an estimated 1.2-million-dollar spending boost for our brick-and-mortar businesses. "

Parking is free downtown on weekends. Attendees are encouraged to park at Everpark Garage, just two blocks from the event. Guests may also take <u>Everett Transit</u> or ride their bike and park it at a secured valet bicycle corral staffed by Sharing Wheels.

Learn more about Sorticulture and the participating artists and vendors at <u>visiteverett.com/sorticulture</u>.

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